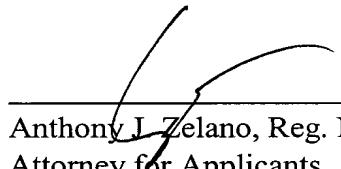


REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the additional fee. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made**".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 1, 2 and 8 were amended as follows:

9. (Amended) Non-dusting homogenous pigment preparation according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that the polyacrylate resin is an α -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
10. (Amended) Non-dusting homogenous pigment preparation according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that it comprises, as additional components, defoamers, surface-active substances, wetting agents, anti-settling agents, levelling agents, siccatives and/or thixotropic agents.
8. (Amended) Dry preparations produced from the non-dusting homogenous pigment preparation according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 7~~ by shaping the dry preparations by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulation, granulation, spray-granulation or extrusion and freeing the dry preparations, if appropriate, from the solvent.